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In re Application of :
Martin QUANZ *et al.* : **ATTENTION APPLICATIONS BRANCH**
Serial No. 09/740,824 :
Filed: December 21, 2000 :

For: METHOD FOR PREPARING WATER-INSOLUBLE ALPHA-1, 4-GLUCANS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated September 24, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

The Notice of Incomplete Reply alleges that the above-referenced application was filed without an Abstract and, accordingly, requests that an Abstract be provided. Applicants respectfully traverse and draw the attention of the Examiner to the Preliminary Amendment filed with the above-referenced application on December 21, 2000 (a copy of which is enclosed). On page 1 of said Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amended the above-referenced application to add an Abstract. However, solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants herewith submit a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment which resubmits the Abstract. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants also herewith submit three (3) Supplemental Combined Declarations and Power of Attorneys which correct the inventor's residence and address.

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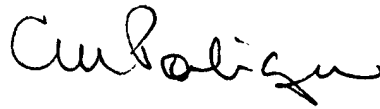
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No fee is believed necessary for this response. However, please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0436 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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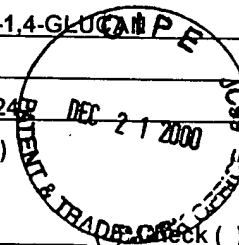
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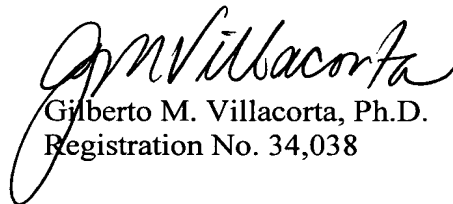
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0436.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit account no. 50-0436.

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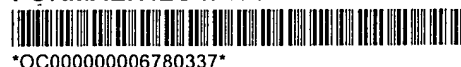
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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 08/13/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 03/12/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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